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SANITARY REPORTS FROM THE CENTRAL AMERICAN AND COLOMBIAN
FRUIT PORTS.

COLOMBIA.

Bocas del Toro.—Act. Asst. Surg. H. B. Mohr reports, June 9, as follows: I have the honor to submit report for the week ended Friday, June 9, 1899:

The following vessels have sailed from this port during the week :

Date.	Name of vessel.	Master.	Number of crew.	Destination.	No. of passengers.
June 3.....	Colombia.....	Berg.....	18	Mobile.....	1
June 4.....	Utstein.....	Aarsvold.....	15do.....	0
June 8.....	Habil.....	Gudmundsen.....	15do.....	0
Do.....	Franklin.....	Rasmussen.....	14	New Orleans.....	0
June 9.....	Yumuri.....	Boe.....	15	Mobile.....	0

The sanitary conditions of this port and the surrounding country are very good. There is very little malarial fever among the natives and negroes, and no sickness whatever among the foreign residents here.

No deaths have occurred in the town or in the vicinity during the week.

COSTA RICA.

Port Limon.—Act. Asst. Surg. Wm. H. Carson reports, June 9, as follows:

I respectfully report herewith that Port Limon and also the Department of Limon are at this date free from contagious or infectious diseases of any class. The Limon Charity Hospital maintains its ordinary number of patients, about 12, white and colored, and there is nothing to excite any suspicion. There have been 2 deaths, 1 in the Charity Hospital and 1 in the Costa Rica Railway Hospital, since last report, 1 of which was a Costa Rican brought from a banana finca some miles from Limon, and who died suddenly on leaving the railway coach; the other death was that of a negro man whose leg was crushed by a train and who died soon after surgical operation.

Act. Asst. Surg. Wm. H. Corson reports, June 11, as follows:

I have to report herewith the continued satisfactory sanitary conditions of Port Limon as well as the country immediately surrounding. The Costa Rica Railway Hospital (Limon) is again without a patient, the last 2 having been discharged yesterday, their stay having been very limited.

A colored male patient residing in the town was admitted into the Limon Charity Hospital in an unconscious state, and at the time of my inspection this morning was in the same condition. There is no evidence of violence nor of any febrile action, and no information could be had from the parties who brought him as to the cause of his present condition. I am not at all suspicious of this case, and this view has the undivided support of all the local physicians; nevertheless, all are at present at a loss to account for the man's comatose state. Otherwise this hospital is without special interest, and there have been no admissions lately except the one referred to.

The number of patients in said hospital at this date is 11, white and colored, most of which are decidedly chronic. One death occurred in town yesterday, a colored woman who has been sick for months past.

The cause of death was assigned to chronic nephritis, and is duly noted in the accompanying copy of mortuary returns from the 8th to the 10th instant inclusive.

NICARAGUA.

Bluefields.—Act. Asst. Surg. D. W. Goodman reports, June 10, as follows: I have the honor to report that the health conditions of Bluefields and vicinity continue good and satisfactory, there being here no contagious nor infectious diseases, and very little sickness of any kind.

BRAZIL.

Sanitary reports from Rio de Janeiro.

RIO DE JANEIRO, *May 8, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you the official reports for the last two weeks ended April 21 and 28, respectively:

During the week ended April 21 there were 310 deaths from all causes, a decrease of 9, as compared with the foregoing week; 12 deaths from *accessio pernicioso*, a decrease of 8; 24 deaths from yellow fever, a decrease of 2; 6 deaths from smallpox, a decrease of 3; 2 deaths from typhoid fever, the same as before; no death from diphtheria, a decrease of 2; 7 deaths from beriberi, an increase of 4, and 46 deaths from tuberculosis, a decrease of 5.

During the week ended April 28 there were 337 deaths from all causes, an increase of 27, as compared with the foregoing week; 9 deaths from *accessio pernicioso*, a decrease of 3; 13 deaths from yellow fever, a decrease of 11; 8 deaths from smallpox, an increase of 2; 2 deaths from typhoid fever, the same as before; 5 deaths from beriberi, a decrease of 2, and 57 deaths from tuberculosis, an increase of 11.

Since last report the following-named ships have been inspected and received bills of health from this office: April 29, steamship *Cyprian Prince*, British, for New York. May 2, steamship *Handel*, British, for New Orleans; bark *Else*, German, for New Orleans. May 3, steamship *Hévelius*, Belgian, for New York. May 5, steamship *Dalecarlia*, German, for New York. May 6, bark *Verdandi*, Russian, for Sabine Pass.

Respectfully, yours,

W. HAVELBURG, M. D.,

Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

RIO DE JANEIRO, *May 17, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you the official report for the week ended May 5.

There were 303 deaths from all causes, a decrease of 34, as compared with the foregoing week; 13 deaths from *accessio pernicioso*, an increase of 4; 22 deaths from yellow fever, an increase of 9; 5 deaths from smallpox, a decrease of 3; 2 deaths from typhoid fever, the same as before; 3 deaths from beriberi, a decrease of 2, and 51 deaths from tuberculosis, a decrease of 6.

INFORMATION.

Cooler weather has compensated for the hot days through which we have passed during the last few months. Yet the general state of health, which, however, was not at any time really unfavorable, shows